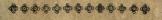
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Children in the Wood

Androgus married the fair Eugenia. Not long after this joyful event, the parents of Billy and Eliza

were both seized with a severe illness at the same time, Pisarius, (the father) sent for his brother Androgus, entrusted him 4 Children in with the care of his dear

children, leaving £600 a year to his son, and £300 a year to his daughter, to be paid on the day of her



marriage; but if they died, the whole was to go to the uncle The past

rents strictly charged him

to bring them up with care, which he faith-

a parent to them: Scarcely had he finished his declaration, when they both expired together.

fully promised to do, assuring them he would be

at first behaved kindly to hem. But sins! every The uncle now ordered the funeral, id followed them to the grave and

took the children home

6 Children in to his house, where he



at first behaved kindly to them. But alas! every tender impression soon wore off his mind, and he resolved to make away with them, which in manner:

Walking by the side of a thick wood one morning, he overheard two ruffians discoursing of a murder and robbery they had committed. He asked them if they would go and drink with him: they consented, and went with him to an alehouse,

"I know (by what 1

where he addressed them

as follows:



overheard of your discourse in the wood) you are very honest fellows, and would do any thing rather than starve; would willingly employ you to your advantage. With all my heart

replied one of them: —
"what is it?" Finding
them ready to do any
thing, he promised to
reward them with a hundred pounds, if they
would murder two chil-

dren. They immediately consented.

As his wife was very fond of the children, and could hardly bear them out of her sight, it was agreed (in order to pre-

vent her suspicions) that

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the ruffians were to be dressed like waggoners. He told his wife he had received a letter from a relation in London, requesting that he might have the children; and saying that they should be educated with some cousins, she at length vielded.

The men thus dressed, came for the children, received the reward, and set off on their journey.



The little ones prattled innocently on the road—talked of their play things and what pleasure they should have with their cousins in London.

They went on till they reached a great wood

12 Children in

was touched with their innocence, and was desirous not to kill them. but to leave them in the wood and get of with the money. The other would not consent to the proposal, but insisted that they should be killed. After a great many words they drew their sharp swords, and hegan fighting. The villain who wished to murder these innocent babes was run

when one of the rullians



through the body, and killed on the spot. The other burried him in a pit, and went away, leaving the children behind; telling them he was only going to get them some food. They sat down on

14 Children in the grass to wait for his

return, where they passed away some hours in telling tittle stories and tales to one another. As night approached, they began to grow pensive and melancholy, and to cry bitterly both with cold and hunger. At length they cried themselves to sleep, In the morning they wandered up and down the wood, and endeavoured to find their way out but all in vain,

In their wandering about, they fed upon blackberries, dew-berries, and



whatever other wild fruit they could find: in this shocking manner they subsisted three days. Sometimes they made 16

little nosegavs of wild flowers, and at other times sung little innocent songs Having eat all the berries they could find, they grew faint, and laid themselves down on a green bank, and with grief and hunger died in each other's arms; their bodies were afterwards found covered over with leaves.

Thus perished these two pretty children, through the treachery of an unnatural uncle.

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